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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF'S PANAMA STOP REQUIREMENT

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1. SINCE THE OFFICE OF SUBSECRETARY BARBERENA INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT OUR MONDAY MEETING REFTEL (A) WOULD BE CONDUCTED INSTEAD BY DIRECTOR GENERAL CENDEJAS, ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH CENDEJAS TODAY INSTEAD TO PRESS OUR CASE FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY MUJICA.

2. CENDEJAS CONTINUED TO MAKE SAME OLD ARGUMENTS FOR WHY GOM IS REQUIRING PANAMA STOP REFTEL (C). HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT CLAUSE 3 OF THE ACCORD ALLOWED AIRLINES TO DROP ANY CITY ON ROUTE BUT ONLY WITHIN THE U.S. AND MEXICO, NOT FOR "POINTS BEYOND". EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT OBVIOUSLY IT IS USG POSITION THAT CLAUSE 3 HOLDS FOR "POINTS BEYOND" AS WELL.

3. CENDEJAS STATED THAT HE AND THE REST OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE MEETING

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NEXT TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, IN ATTEMPT TO GET FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON EXACTLY WHAT MEXICANS AGREED TO ON THIS ISSUE IN BILATERAL. AFTER MEETING, THE SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT WILL BE MAKING A FORMAL RESPONSE VIA THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE REFTEL (D). IN INTERESTS OF SPEED, CENDEJAS PROMISED ALSO TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY WITH RESULTS OF MEETING.

4. WHEN EMBOFFS PRESSED CENDEJAS REGARDING URGENCY OF CASE, HE SAID THAT TUESDAY MEETING WOULD ALSO CONSIDER INTERIM MEASURES WHILE CASE WAS BEING RESOLVED. EMBOFFS URGED THAT BRANIFF BE GRANTED A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM PANAMA STOP.

5. WHEN SECRETARY MUJICA RETURNS TO MEXICO EARLY NEXT WEEK EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TUESDAY MEETING, IN THE EVENT THAT OUTCOME IS STILL CONTRARY TO USG POSITION. IF OUTCOME IS FAVORABLE, PLAN TO CANCEL MEETING WITH MUJICA. MCANINCH

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